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ILLINOIS ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE HEROIN TO A FEDERAL INMATE

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced that attorney Robert A. Drew, 68, of Marion, Ill., was indicted today with attempting to provide heroin to an inmate of the Federal Correctional Complex - Terre Haute. The indictment is the result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons, the Terre Haute Police Department, and the Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

Drew was arrested on August 28, 2010, after law enforcement authorities received information that an attorney was allegedly bringing drugs into the prison. FBI and other law enforcement officials stopped and questioned Drew when he drove his Mercedes automobile onto the Federal Correctional Complex - Terre Haute parking lot. A green leafy substance was recovered from the vehicle. When questioned further, Drew allegedly produced a package which had been taped to his body. The package was wrapped in black duct tape and inserted into a condom. The package purportedly contained two small plastic bags with a dark tar like substance which field tested positive for the presence of heroin. This type of heroin is commonly referred to as black tar heroin.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Drew faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled in Terre Haute, Ind., before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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